



## **OUTREACH**

**GS-0340-13 District Ranger**

**MINIDOKA RANGER DISTRICT  
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST, IDAHO**

**Notice valid through March 24, 2014**

**Duty Location:** Burley, Idaho

**Organizational Unit:** R4 - Sawtooth National Forest, Minidoka Ranger District

**Opportunity Type:** Announcement:

**Primary Contact:** Sarah Lau, Acting Forest Supervisor; [slau@fs.fed.us](mailto:slau@fs.fed.us); (208) 737-3200

**Position:**

The Sawtooth National Forest will soon be advertising for a permanent full-time District Ranger, GS-0340-13, for the Minidoka Ranger District. The position is a full member of the Forest Leadership Team. We are seeking an innovative and resourceful individual looking for a challenging line officer assignment.

We expect to advertise the District Ranger position for this unit in the near future on the USAJOBS website, [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com). This is a pre-advertisement notice to assess interest in the position and help determine the type and extent of advertisement.

The Minidoka Ranger District has approximately 25 full-time staff who share administrative responsibility for about 604,000 acres in south central Idaho and northern Utah. The District has a large recreation program with developed recreation sites and two ski areas. The District also has active range, timber, fire/fuels, wildlife, and minerals programs. Vegetation and landscapes are as diverse as the uses on the District, going from low elevation sagebrush/grasslands to high elevation alpine forest and meadows.

The District Ranger will be responsible for administering a complex program of work. As a member of the Forest Leadership Team, the Ranger provides leadership and participates in the overall management and operations of the Sawtooth National Forest, making forest-level decisions on development of programs and policies affecting the Forest. The Forest Leadership Team is comprised of the Forest Supervisor, 3 District Rangers, the Sawtooth NRA Ranger and the Sawtooth NRA Deputy Ranger, 5 Staff Officers, a Public Affairs Officer, 2 members-at-large and an Executive Assistant.

**Landscape Stewardship:** Here is an excellent opportunity to manage a Ranger District with plenty of resource and social challenges, look at the big picture, improve the "working" environment, facilitate the provision of a range of services for the public, and make a difference in restoring the important ecosystems that comprise this landscape. Many challenges await the incumbent in balancing the needs of this beautiful and fragile environment with growing public and private demands.

**Build Strong Relationships:** Respectful and solid working relationships will be the key to success. A main focus will be to sustain a very high level of public contact, involvement, and partnerships. The incumbent is expected to develop and maintain strong community ties and positive relationships with employees, peers, communities, tribes, state and local governments.

**Major Duties:**

- Is responsible for program development, planning, budgeting, and management information, for identifying workforce and organizational needs, and determining District priorities. Determines which programs on the District should be initiated, dropped, or curtailed, and when such action should occur.

- Exercises full decision making authority in transactions affecting the Minidoka Ranger District.
- Exercises final commitment authority to make administrative and/or technical decisions on all Minidoka Ranger District matters, as needed.
- Responsible for providing administrative and/or technical direction to all activities on the Minidoka Ranger District.
- Establishes and maintains cooperative relations with employees, peers, local, county, other state and federal agency representatives, civic groups, cooperators, permittees, and the general public.
- Provides leadership, allocates resources, and implements activities to accomplish Forest Service multi-cultural organization direction.
- Creates a work environment which respects, appreciates, and accepts the contributions and perspectives of all employees.
- Provides strong and visible leadership and support for a safety culture that incorporates risk management practices and embraces the contributions and concerns of all employees.

We are looking for an individual who:

- Has excellent interpersonal skills
- Is a “Team Player” and is a leader of “Team Players”
- Has broad experience in natural resources management
- Possesses business and financial acumen
- Values community connections and partnerships
- Has strong communication and organizational skills
- Brings a sense of fun to the job

NOTE: Government Housing is not available. There may be limited opportunities for dual-career families on other units of the Sawtooth National Forest.

### **Duty Station Specifics:**

The duty station for this position is Burley, ID. The Minidoka Ranger District encompasses 604,000 acres in south central Idaho and northern Utah. Along with the wildlife program the District has a large recreation program with developed recreation sites and two ski areas. The District also has active range, timber, fire/fuels and minerals programs. Vegetation is as diverse as the uses on the District, going from low elevation sagebrush/grasslands to high elevation alpine forest and meadows.

### **Community Information:**

The population of Burley is approximately 10,000 and is a full service community. Population within the immediate vicinity approaches 20,000. Numerous schools, churches and shopping opportunities exist within the Mini-Cassia (Minidoka and Cassia

County) area, along with Cassia Regional Medical Center and Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Housing in Burley is very reasonable and would be considered cheap compared to other areas of the west. Burley is located just 35 miles from Twin Falls, which has a regional airport and most major shopping outlets.

Situated along the Snake River, the City of Burley provides access to 20 miles of the most approachable shoreline of the entire river. Located on both the south and north sides of the river, this access offers many opportunities for water sports and fishing. The city also has numerous parks and recreational facilities, including two golf courses. Burley serves as the major shopping center for the Mini-Cassia area. A temperate climate, beautiful scenery, numerous recreations opportunities that can be enjoyed without the large crowds typical of larger urban areas make this a desirable place to live.

Additional information about the Sawtooth National Forest can be found on at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/> or <http://fsweb.sawtooth.r4.fs.fed.us/>.

#### **Contact information:**

Interested persons may contact Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District Ranger, by phone at 208-678-0430 or by email at [snannenga@fs.fed.us](mailto:snannenga@fs.fed.us) for further district-specific related information. Or you can contact Sarah Lau, Acting Forest Supervisor, for information about the Forest at 208-737-3200 or by email at [slau@fs.fed.us](mailto:slau@fs.fed.us).

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The positions will be advertised through USA Jobs in the near future. Interested applicants should complete and return the attached outreach response document.